

November 25, 2005

The Honorable Thomas C. Dorr
Under Secretary, Rural Development, USDA
& Members of the Farm Bill Listening Forum
c/o Office of the State Director
USDA/Rural Development
154 Wai'anuenue Ave., Room 303
Hilo, HI 96720

Re: USDA Farm Bill Listening Forum
Saturday, November 12, 2005
Sheraton Keauhou Beach Resort Convention Center
Kailua-Kona, HI

Dear Under Secretary Dorr & Members of the Forum:

I live on the island of O'ahu and was not able to attend the hearings, however I wanted to make sure I submit my support of a company that has really helped to improve the quality of life for many of our residents in rural areas and that company is Sandwich Isles Communications (SIC). Thank and please continue to support their mission of providing state of the art telecommunication service to unserved and underserved rural areas, such as the Wai'anae Coast, where I have lived for over 15 years.

Nanakuli is one of the driest, hottest, and economically challenged area on the island of Oahu. Technology, telecommunications, and the network that SIC is building represents the first of its kind in our area. SIC's commitment brings new and exciting opportunities for our schools, community organizations, cultural development, job training, distance learning, post-high education, and also telemedicine to the only health center for the entire area.

For years we have seen other companies pass our community by or even worst they made promises and left. I believe SIC is committed to our community as demonstrated by their involvement, support, and presence in community development, events, and organizations.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide written testimony and for this opportunity to ask for your continued support of SIC's efforts for the sake of our children, our community, and the entire State of Hawai'i.

Sincerely,

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Please include my written testimony as support of Sandwich Isles Communications (SIC) efforts. I live on the island of O'ahu and was not able to attend the hearings. SIC has really helped to improve the quality of life for many of us who live in rural areas. Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with my views and please continue to support their mission of providing state of the art telecommunication service to unserved and underserved rural areas, such as the Wai'anae Coast.

SIC's commitment brings new and exciting opportunities for our schools, community organizations, cultural development, job training, distance learning, post-high education, and also telemedicine to the only health center for the entire area. We badly need this type of access and availability.

I am confident SIC will fulfill what they have promised. For years we have seen other companies pass our community by or even worse they made promises and left. I believe SIC is committed to our community as demonstrated by their involvement, support, and presence in community development, events, and organizations.

Again, thank you for this opportunity to provide my thoughts and for this opportunity to ask for your continued support of SIC's efforts for the sake of our children, our community, and the entire State of Hawai'i.

Sincerely,

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